

the general direction of the abutting edges of the individual veneers forming the individual extra-wide joined veneers comprising the LVL is generally the same, and

wherein the individual extra-wide joined veneers are orientated in the LVL such that the abutting edges are not aligned with each other and are irregularly distributed in a cross-section of the LVL normal to the direction of the abutting edges.

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2. (Amended) Method of claim 1, wherein the joining together of the individual veneers to form a strand of joined veneers is performed with untrimmed abutting edges.

3. (Amended) Method of claim 1, wherein the joining of the individual veneers to form a strand of joined veneers for covering layers of a LVL is performed with trimmed abutting edges.

7. (Amended) Method for producing extra-wide joined veneers comprising the steps of:

a) providing oncoming veneers having a producible width b and grain running transversely one behind the other;

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b) fastening together abutting edges of the oncoming veneers to form a strand of joined veneers having seams, wherein the seams are generally parallel to the direction of the grain; and

c) repetitively cutting the strand of joined veneers in a direction of the grain to form individual extra-wide joined veneers with a given extra-width (B).

8. (Amended) Method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of:

d) gluing and pressing individual extra-wide joined veneers combined one over the other and behind one another in a plurality of layers to form endless laminated veneer lumber, the individual extra-wide joined veneers being layered such that the seams are not in line with one another.

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9. (Amended) Method according to claim 8, wherein step a) is performed with oncoming veneers having trimmed abutting edges for the individual extra-wide joined veneers that form top and bottom cover layers of the endless laminated veneer lumber.

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12. (Amended) Method according to claim 7, wherein the individual extra-wide joined veneers are cut off in step c) such that the seams are distributed irregularly over the width of the individual extra-wide joined veneers.

Please add the following new claim:

(New) 21. The method of claim 7, wherein the individual joined veneers have only a single seam.

(New) 22. A method for the manufacture of endless laminated veneer lumber (LVL), comprising:

providing veneer boards with a producible length b;

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bringing together the veneer boards one behind the other so that the veneer boards abut in a direction parallel to the direction of the grain of the veneer boards;

stitching or joining the abutting veneer boards at the location of abutment to form a veneer board strand having seams at the locations of abutment;

cutting an over-wide veneer board of a given length from the veneer board strand in the direction parallel to the grain; and

laying the over-wide veneer board in several layers over and behind one another to form endless LVL such that the seams of the individual over-wide veneer boards are distributed irregularly over the width of the LVL and are not aligned with one another, wherein the grain of the LVL runs parallel to the length of the LVL.
